

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

October 17, 2021 | Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

DAILY MASS

Mon – Sat: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM

First Friday 12:15 in Latin in Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, June, Aug. In English in Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May, July. And 5:30 (on First Friday) in English in all months.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM (outdoors in the Church Parking Lot), 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Monday through Saturday: after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.

Monday Night: after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

Sunday: after the 7:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 a.m.; 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

First Fridays: after the 12:15 p.m. Mass until 1:15 p.m. After the 5:30 Mass until 6:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION

To register with the parish, please call the Parish Office for information.

MARRIAGES

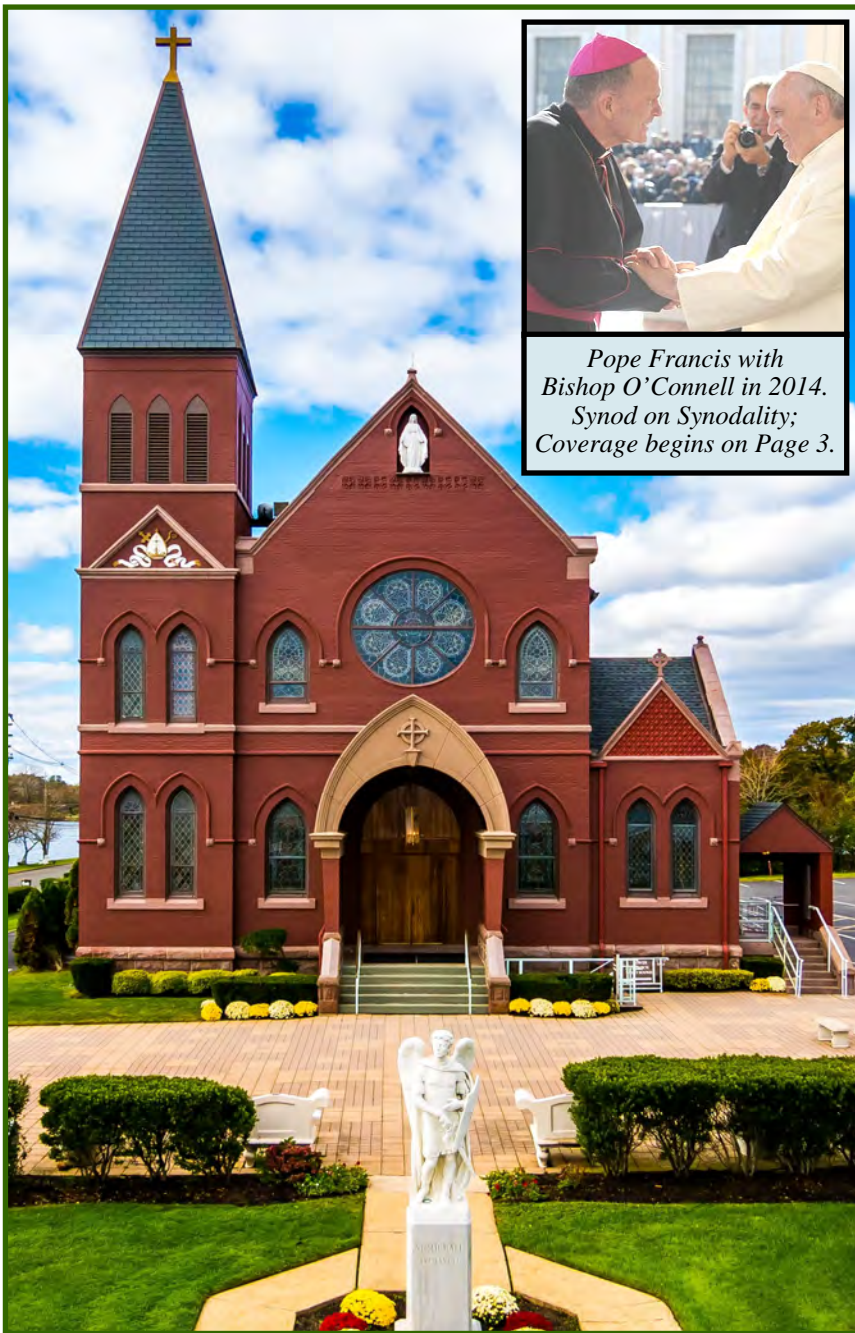
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There is a twelve month timeline for wedding preparations.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place generally on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Other days/times can also be arranged. Parents must be registered parishioners, and can call the Parish Office for information and scheduling.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To enroll your child for our Religious Education classes, please contact Kevin Connelly, ext. 2 at the Catholic Center. All families must be registered with the parish.



Pope Francis with
Bishop O'Connell in 2014.
Synod on Synodality;
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PARISH OFFICE

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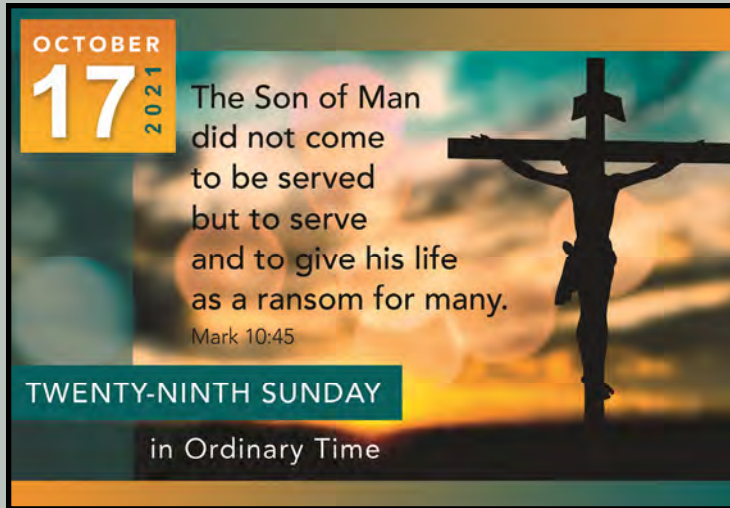
Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch)
Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John Butler, Pastor
Rev. Mark Nillo, Parochial Vicar
Thomas Randazzo, Business Manager
Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.
Mary Valan, Parish Secretary
Jose Rodriguez, Maintenance Manager
Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director

CATHOLIC CENTER AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 16

8:00 AM † Urbano Molino	Daughter Teresa
† Daniella Russo	Grandmother & Family
4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson	Husband Dennis
† Emilia Genito Simonelli	Pasquale & Maria G. Simonelli
5:30 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † All Deceased Grandparents	

Sunday, October 17

7:00 AM † Joan Sigmond	Marian Davey
† Robert Mas	Mike Murphy
8:30 AM † Sidonia Campos	Valan Family
† Amanda T. Rosel	Cabaddu Family
10:00 AM † Peter John Szeles	Christopher & Victoria Terry
† Mary Shiro Booth	Star of the Sea 1966 Classmates
12:00 PM † Charles Mazza	Mazza, Maslo & McGuire Families
† Janet Schroth	Audrey Boglioli
4:00 PM † Bert & Gerry Bolton	Tom & Jill Hoffmann
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

Monday, October 18

8:00 AM † Cathy Brown	Husband & Children
† Michael & Joseph Fornino	Pingitore Family
† Thomas & Jeraldine Traxler	Janice, Fred, Kathleen & Isabel Carr
Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM † Mark Russo	Mom & Family

Tuesday, October 19

8:00 AM † Harry Tokanos	Mary
† Jack Molloy	Margaret & Bob Clinton

Wednesday, October 20

8:00 AM † Linda Richard	
† Frank Peloso, Jr.	

Thursday, October 21

8:00 AM † Jose Bernarte	Aida David
Special Intention: Carl Seinfeld	

Friday, October 22

8:00 AM † Patricia Foley	Pat & Jack Kochenash
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Saturday, October 23

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Charles Mazza	Mazza, Maslo & McGuire Families
5:30 PM Special Intention: Lisa Virga	
7:00 PM † John K. Butler, M.D.	

Sunday, October 24

7:00 AM † Mary Alterio	James & MaryLou Mirarchi
† Rosa Alba Stranieri	Mother Francesca
8:30 AM † Louis Brignola	Rene & Jack Brignola
† Pamela Gatta	Madeline & Thomas Siciliano
10:00 AM † Frances Denninger	Mary & Steve
† Marilyn M. Buda	Rick & Carol Ferrante
12:00 PM † Margarita Lao	
† Janet Schroth	Jane & George Kendall
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM Health & Blessings: Children of the Parish	

The Blessed Mother, the Center, and the St. Joseph Candles will be lit this week for the victims of abortion, for all the faithful of the Diocese, and for all who are participating in the worldwide Synod 2021-2023.



***Pastor's Note.** Bishop O'Connell has notified the parishes of our Diocese of Trenton that earlier this year "Pope Francis announced the convocation of the Sixteenth Ordinary Synod of Bishops...with the theme 'For A Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.' It is, in a sense, "a Synod on 'synodality'", with three phases or levels: diocesan, continental, and universal." The goal for completion of the Synod's diocesan phase set by the Holy See is April 1, 2022, with a report to be submitted then by Bishop O'Connell to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, DC. Last Sunday (October 10) Pope Francis opened this Synod of Bishops (2021-23) in Rome. He has asked every diocesan bishop throughout the world to open the diocesan phase in the local Church with a Mass on the following Sunday, October 17, 2021. That Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton this Sunday at 3:00 p.m. and Fr. Butler and Fr. Nillo will represent our parish there and be among the concelebrating priests of that Mass. All the faithful in the Diocese are invited and welcome to attend that Mass and a livestream will be available on the Diocese website. The Synod Commencement Mass will also serve as a "Celebration of the 140th Anniversary of the Diocese of Trenton."*

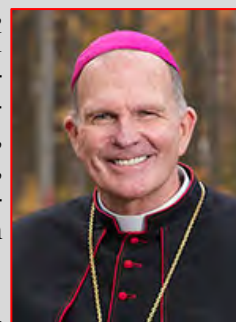
The Pope has asked all diocesan bishops throughout the world to publish a "pastoral letter" for his Diocese about this Synod and its purposes and the procedures to be followed. That letter from Bishop O'Connell is published below in its entirety and is also available on the diocese website and the parish website. Bishop O'Connell has shared with the priests of our Diocese of Trenton that this Synod and its local/diocese/parish level activities and efforts will be a massive undertaking and he has asked for the support and prayers of all Catholics in the Trenton Diocese. Further information about the Synod will be provided here at St. Michael's as it becomes available. Please read the following pastoral letter from our Bishop and please pray for the success of the Synod, for Bishop O'Connell as he leads us through this process, and for the help of the Holy Spirit during this special time in the Church and in all that we do. St. Michael – patron saint of our parish – pray for us.

PASTORAL LETTER TO THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON

ON THE CHURCH'S SYNODAL PATH OF "COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION"

To the clergy, consecrated religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Trenton,

I rarely enjoy traveling alone, whether for business or pleasure. When going somewhere, especially on a longer trip, I prefer the company of others for conversation, for the exchange of ideas, different experiences, and, quite simply, just for companionship. In many ways, I preference explains why I began my journey to the priesthood in a religious community where the emphasis is on life and ministry with a "band of brothers" joined together by the charism of a common founder. That is the point, really, perhaps a unique contribution of a religious order as their diocesan priests as their diocesan "journeying together!"



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when all her members journey together, gather in assembly and take an active part in her evangelizing mission (International Theological Commission, "Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church," March 2, 2018, para. 6)."

Church in recent years -- particular-
pontificate of Pope Francis, a religious order priest --- has
customized to hearing the novel expression "synodality"
scribe the nature of the Church in our day. The word itself
from two Greek words meaning "common road or
path." Synodality "is the specific *modus vivendi et op-*
of living and operating) of the Church, the People of God,
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While "synods" are not new to the Church, Pope St. Paul VI (1897-1978) formally established the "Synod of Bishops," following the the Church "whereby effective assistance to vice -- Paul VI, *Sepetudo* (Apostolic conis, held at fixed inter-specific concern to the the world with the secretariat or office in Pope.



Writing from Rome to General Secretary of

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Second Vatican Council (1962-65), as a "permanent institution" in bishops chosen from various parts of the world are to offer more the Supreme Shepherd ... providing information and offering adtember 15, 1965 apostolic letter motu proprio "*Apostolica sollicitudo*." Such synods are convened by the Pope as "ordinary" (that vals) or "extraordinary" (that is, held to treat a matter of urgent or Church) gatherings of designated, elected or appointed bishops of Pope. Even when they are not in session, synods have a permanent Rome, headed by a member of the hierarchy appointed by the

the bishops of the world earlier this year, Cardinal Mario Greich, the Synod of Bishops, reflected, "Synodality refers to the very essence of the Church, her constitutive reality, and is thus oriented towards evangelization. It is an ecclesial way of being and a prophetic example for today's world." Perhaps a more theological description than most of us are used to in everyday conversation, this idea can be simplified as "a common road or path" for the life and work of the Church today, "journeying together." The Church envisions a synod that goes far beyond a mere gathering of bishops to include and embrace the entire People of God.

Recent history provides a context to understand the current discussion of synodality.

Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis has expressed a desire to strengthen the unity, collegiality and inclusivity of Church governance on matters of faith and morals and life in the Church. To that end, drawing from his November 24, 2013 apostolic exhortation "*Evangelium Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel)," Pope Francis issued an apostolic constitution "*Episcopalis Communio* (Episcopal communion)" 2018, "to profoundly reshape all the ecclesial structures to be-sionary (an abiding concern of the Holy Father)... (and) to more an adequate channel for the evangelization of the present for self-preservation ... a privileged instrument for *listening* to God."



Bishop O'Connell with Pope Francis in Rome in 2014

Three years earlier, on the 50th anniversary of Pope St. Paul VI's establishment of the Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis wrote: "It is pre-synodality which God expects of the Church of the third mil-the Lord is asking of us is already in some sense present in 'synod.' Journeying together — laity, pastors, the Bishop of easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into 17, 2015)."

On April 24 of this current year, Pope Francis announced the Sixteenth Ordinary Synod --- originally scheduled for 2022 but postponed due to the pandemic until 2023 --- with the theme "For A Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission," in a sense, "a Synod on synodality." It will follow a newly revised programmatic structure:

This path toward the celebration of the Synod comprises of three phases, between October 2021 and October 2023, a diocesan phase and a continental phase that will give life to two different working documents and, finally, a conclusive phase at the level of the Universal Church ... The Synod of Bishops is the dynamic point of convergence that calls for mutual listening to the Holy Spirit at every level of the Church's life (General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops, "Note on the XVI Ordinary Synod," May 21, 2021).

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The Sixteenth Ordinary Synod of Bishops opens Sunday, October 10, 2021, with a Mass celebrated in Rome at St. Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis. Every diocese throughout the world will initiate its diocesan phase of the Synod with a Mass celebrated by its diocesan bishop on the following Sunday, October 17, 2021. In the Diocese of Trenton, that Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral in Trenton at 3 p.m. The Diocese will also use that occasion to commemorate the beginning of our 140th Anniversary Year.



St. Peter's Basilica in Rome

The program or "path" of the diocesan phase for "journeying together" is described in the General Secretariat's May 21, 2021 "Note," referenced above:

Each bishop will appoint a diocesan contact person (and eventually a team) for the synodal consultation; they shall be a point of reference and link with the Episcopal Conference. They will accompany all the stages of the consultation process in the local church.

*Consultation in the particular Churches will include those groups envisioned in **Episcopalis Communio**, without excluding other modalities deemed appropriate for the consultation to be real and effective (cf. **Episco-***

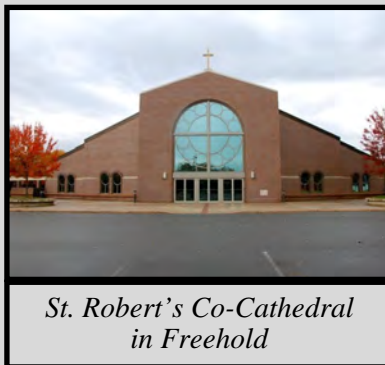
Consultation with the People of God in each particular Church will synodal meeting, which will be the culmination of diocesan discern-

After the conclusion of the diocesan phase, each particular Church tributions to their Episcopal Conference on a date determined by ence itself. The Eastern Churches will submit their contributions to bodies.

Elements of the diocesan phase of the Synod for the Diocese of prepared.

An integral part of the diocesan synodal journey itself with its principal themes of "communion, participation, mission," is the effort to reach out to as many Catholics of the Diocese as possible: clergy and consecrated religious, active as well as "lapsed" men, both married and single, of every generation, race, national and ethnic background, different point of view, social, political and economic status. In other words, all those who have in the past or still call the Catholic Church "home" are called to pausing to listen to one another on this journey together.

Some questions and above include: what has been/is your experience of the Catholic Church? How has that experience shaped or affected your life and your faith in God? What obstacles to worship, learning and service have you encountered that may have negatively influenced the practice of your Catholic faith? What do you need as a Catholic to be a stronger, more intentional, more committed, more connected member of the Church, to belong and feel like you belong to the Church? How can we better "journey together" as Catholics in Mercer, Burlington, Ocean and Monmouth counties?



St. Robert's Co-Cathedral in Freehold



St. Mary's Cathedral in Trenton

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As I think of the meaning of synodality in the Catholic Church, I am reminded of the Irish poet and novelist James Joyce's (1882-1941) famous description of the Catholic Church in *Finnegan's Wake*: "Here comes everybody!" Can that ever be true of our Church again? Can the diocesan synodal journey take us there together?

Since there are two other later phases to this Synod --- the "continental phase" at the level of the Episcopal Conference (that is, for us, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) and the "universal phase" in Rome --- the Sixteenth Ordinary Synod of Bishops will not be completed until October 2023. Hopefully, it will not end there.

At the conclusion of each Synod issues a post-synodal "apostolic major emphases and determinations" which are considered part of the teaching authority, to be



of Bishops, the Pope usually exhorts, summarizing the nations of the Synod. Along with bishops attending, these documents of the Pope's ordinary magisterium are believed by all the faithful.

That is the program or plan for "journeying together" through 2023. The success of these undertakings will depend upon our common development and application of its contents by the Church at every level and, most importantly, upon our openness to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The enduring results of the Synod will, of course, take time to emerge.

As Cardinal Greich has stated, "the Synod is not just an event but also a process that involves in synergy (that is, by collaboration and cooperation) the People of God, the college of bishops and the Bishop of Rome, each according to their proper function." He cautions, however, that this Synod "is not about democracy or populism or anything like that. Rather, it is the Church as the People of God, a People who, by virtue of baptism, is an active *subject* in the life of the Church." That is how the Church fulfills its missionary role: a "listening Church;" a "discerning Church;" a Church of "communion, participation and mission," "journeying together."

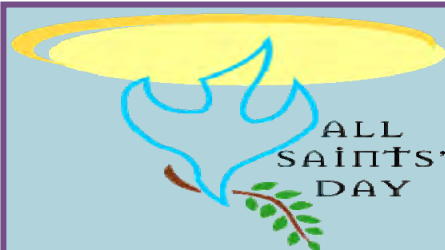
I ask the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Trenton to pray for the Church as it prepares for this important spiritual endeavor. It is my hope, as Bishop of the Diocese, that we will all fruitfully participate in and benefit from the Synod at the diocesan level, listening to one another as we share our different "stories," experiences, challenges and hopes for the Church at this exciting time in its history.

In conclusion, I invite the entire Diocese of Trenton to join in this "Prayer for the Success of the Synod":

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Trenton on this Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 10th in the Year of Our Lord 2021.

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., J.C.D.
Bishop of Trenton



Solemnity of All Saints



All Saints Day is November 1, 2021 and not a holy day of obligation this year since this particular holy day falls on a Monday in 2021. The faithful, however, are encouraged to attend Mass on such days and Mass will be celebrated here at St. Michael's on All Saints Day at the usual Monday times of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (with Confessions after each of those Masses).

The Parish Office will be closed for business on November 1.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (also known as All Souls' Day) is celebrated by the Church on November 2. Here at St. Michael's, in addition to our customary morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. on All Souls' Day we will also celebrate a **Candlelight Mass of Remembrance** on Tuesday, **November 2 at 7:00 p.m.** All are invited and welcome to attend this evening Mass. Letters of the parish who have had a death Souls' Day inviting them to attend this Prayer and Remembrance for the re- the conclusion of the Prayer of the of the parish's recently deceased will lighting ceremony.

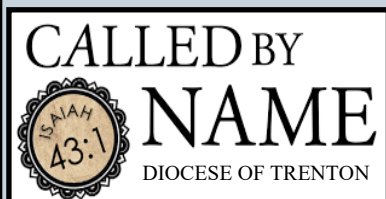


Letters were mailed last week to the families in the family since last year's All 7:00 p.m. Mass and to light a Candle of pose of the soul of their loved one at Faithful during this Mass. The names be read aloud during the candle-

The Church encourages the offering faithful departed. And the Church assist the departed in attaining the Beatitudes, and the offering of Mass. The preceded by a Musical Prelude led by Acting Music Director Lauren Walters at 6:30 p.m. (including ensemble cantors and instrumentalists) and will be followed by a reception with light refreshments in the Lower Church immediately after the Mass. May perpetual light shine upon the souls of all the faithful departed.

Called By Name:

An Invitation to Identify and Encourage Discernment of Priestly Vocations



All the parishes of the Diocese of Trenton will be participating next month in "Called By Name" - a pro-active program of vocations awareness and action that will repeat a similar campaign conducted in 2019 at St. Michael's and all Trenton parishes.

This program offers an opportunity *for all of us* to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage those members to share their gifts in and through the priesthood.

Perhaps you know a man (high school age or older) here in our parish who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to be a good priest. *Now is the time to identify that man, pray for his potential vocation, and encourage him to come forward and explore the priesthood discernment process.*

Please recommend this person by filling out the response card that you will find in the pews next month. Put the card in the collection basket during your Mass. You may also drop off the card at the parish office or mail it to the office. The need is right now to help the future priests of tomorrow to discern their vocations and to say "YES!" to God's call. No one wants to wake up one day to find that his or her parish no longer has a parish priest because there aren't enough priests to staff all the parishes. Please give this urgent request immediate prayerful thought and action.

Happy Wedding Anniversary!

Last Sunday (Oct. 3) was a day of extra-special celebration for five of our St. Michael's families who joined with Bishop O'Connell, Fr. Butler, Fr. Nillo, and over 500 Mass-goers at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold for the Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass for those celebrating their first or 25th or 50th wedding anniversary and also for those married any number of years greater than 50. Following the Mass four of the couples met with Frs. Butler and Nillo near the sanctuary of the Co-Cathedral for the photograph



Photo by Mary Stadnyk

above: (lower row left to right) John and Cathy McDonald, Elian and Renata Mounayer; (upper row left to right) Jason and Keelin Hutzley, Ralph and Kathy Stubbs. The anniversary celebration continued later that evening with a joyous and delicious supper at Tuzzio's. Happy anniversary to one and all and may God continue to bless and protect our married couples, our widows and widowers in the vocation that they share with the Blessed Mother, our engaged couples, and the sanctity of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Save the Dates: Parish Mission: Fr. Wade

Our Parish Mission with **Fr. Wade Menezes, of the Fathers of Mercy and of EWTN TV and Radio**, was originally scheduled for May 2-6, 2020 and was postponed twice last year because of the covid pandemic. We have re-scheduled the Parish Mission and Fr. Wade will be here at St. Michael's December 11-15, 2021 for an Advent Parish Mission. Please save the dates. Please pray for the Fathers of Mercy and for vocations, vocations, vocations.



Fr. Wade Menezes

Second Collection Next Weekend October 23 and 24



Next weekend October 23 and 24 the Diocese will be taking up the collection for World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Church



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MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY

October 22nd at 7:00 P.M.
St. Michael's Parish, West End

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

CONTACT CDAVERSO@MONMOUTH.EDU WITH QUESTIONS

October Series of Articles to Resume Next Week

October is the month of Respect Life and the month of the Rosary. The series of articles and essays on those topics that we have been running in the Sunday bulletin this month has been suspended this week to allow for greater space within these pages on the topic of the Pope's Synod on Synodality (see Pages 3-6). The series on Respect Life and the Rosary will resume in next week's bulletin with an essay by Bishop O'Connell on the Rosary.



Photos by Steve Worth



Monmouth County Red Mass 2021



The Monmouth County Red Mass 2021 was celebrated here at St. Michael's last Sunday at 12:00 Noon with Bishop O'Connell as the principal celebrant and Fr. Jeffrey Lee of St. Mary's in Colts Neck as the guest homilist. The Red Mass is a centuries-old tradition and is offered for the intention of promoting Justice and prayerfully seeking the guidance, help, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit for lawyers, judges, the legal community in general, and those engaged in government service as the new Judicial Year is getting under way in early October. The Mass was attended by numerous members of the Monmouth County bench and bar as well as St. Michael's parishioners. Choral music was provided by the Red Bank Catholic High School Choir and security was provided as in past years by the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and their K-9 unit and the Long Branch Police Department. The Miller family (Mike, Sandi, Jack, and Tessa) presented the offertory gifts to Bishop O'Connell and members of the Gaetano family (Stephen, Michael, and Matthew) were the Bishop's altar servers. Thank you to all who participated in this year's Red Mass and to all who provided volunteer support.



HELP SAVE LIVES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY!

Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide witness of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach.

Take part in 40 Days for Life in Monmouth County

Vigil Location:

Planned Parenthood at 69 E. Newman Springs Road, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

Vigil Hours:

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday / Sunday - at will.

St. Michael's parishioners usually gather at this location on Mondays at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 2:00 p.m. during these 40 Days for Life.

Local Contact: monmouth4life@hotmail.com

Learn More at 40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury.

Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.

Come and Bring a Friend... or 2... or 3!

NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

This weekend, October 16 & 17 and next weekend, October 23 & 24, New Jersey Right to Life raffle tickets will be sold at all Masses. Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest Pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

This year's prizes are :

1st prize - 2022 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at \$41,340

2nd prize - \$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card

3rd prize - \$750 ShopRite Gift Card

NEIGHBORING PARISHES OF

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Our Lady of Hope Parish (www.ladyofhopeparish.org)

Our Lady of Hope Parish will be hosting an adult formation session "Advent Light" Wednesday mornings beginning Nov. 3 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church Hall or Thursday evenings beginning Nov. 4 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Jerome Rectory. Please contact Christine Scholtz for required materials and to register. Call 732-222-2927 or email cmscholtz@verizon.net.

Christ the King (www.cklb.org)

Peer Support Group for those grieving the loss of a loved one. The group is led by trained facilitators certified by the Family Life Office, Diocese of Trenton. For more information contact the parish office 732-222-3216

St. Michael's (www.stmichaelnj.com)

New Jersey Right to Life will be selling raffle tickets at all Masses at St. Michael's during the weekends of October 16-17 and October 23-24 to support the pro-life cause and to help protect all human life from conception to natural death.

Parish Mission: Fr. Wade Menezes of the Fathers of Mercy, EWTN Television, and EWTN Radio will be leading an Advent Parish Mission at St. Michael's during the evenings of December 13, 14, and 15; evening starting times to be announced. Please save the dates. All are invited and welcome.



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, October 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the parish's Catholic Center at 16 Beechwood Avenue, West Long Branch. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

Rosarian Prayer Group

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

This is a list of parishioners, relatives, and friends who are in need of our prayers for healing. Our Rosarians also pray every Saturday for all the parishioners of St. Michael's.

Please note that intentions will be listed for two months and then removed, unless the requestor calls to renew for another two months. Please also note that according to the HIPPA & privacy laws only the sick themselves or family members may request

to be added to the list. Contact the Parish Office for all prayer requests. Thank you and may Our Lord grant healing to all those who are suffering and in need of our prayers.

Week 1

Johnny Mazza, Jr.
Richie Thomas

LIVE-STREAMING OF OUR SATURDAY 4:00 P.M. PARKING LOT MASS

As noted on this page of the bulletin, our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass has moved outdoors to the Parking Lot for approximately two months beginning as of September 11. The live-streaming of this Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass will continue indefinitely even though the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation has been lifted. For those who are healthy and well and able to attend Sunday Mass or Saturday Vigil Mass, the live-streamed Mass is not a substitute for fulfilling the Sunday Mass Obligation (which is a serious and unchanged obligation). The live-streaming Mass is intended for those who for good, serious, and conscientious reason are genuinely unable to attend the Sunday Mass including infirmity, advanced age, or serious concern about the Covid virus. This live-streamed Mass may be accessed via the home page of the parish website at www.stmichaelnj.com and will be archived on that home page for subsequent viewing following the live, real-time celebration of that Mass.

The Outdoor Parking Lot Mass On Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Has Resumed

We have resumed temporarily the celebration of our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass outdoors in the parish's North Parking Lot as of September 11. The Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass in the Parking Lot will continue for roughly two months. The other Masses on our weekend schedule and weekday schedule are not affected by this change on Saturday at 4:00. The Saturday 4:00 Mass will not be celebrated indoors during this roughly two-month time period although we will welcome Mass-goers who desire to be indoors in the church on Saturday at 4:00 to do so, and we have made arrangements for the outdoor Mass to be simultaneously live-streamed to the "big screen" TV monitor that will be in the Upper Church for this Mass. Those viewing the live-stream of the 4:00 Mass indoors in the Upper Church may receive Holy Communion indoors in the Upper Church at the conclusion of this outdoor Mass. These Saturday 4:00 Parking Lot Masses will be celebrated in the same manner (including the dignity of the Mass and the utmost respect for the Blessed Sacrament) as they were during the May 2020 to July 2021 time period.

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, October 9, 2021

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,776.00	139 cars
5:30 PM Mass	\$557.00	61 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$435.00	56 people

Sunday, October 10, 2021

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,416.00	89 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,754.00	92 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,429.00	114 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,165.00	167 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,309.00	93 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$756.00	98 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the October 10 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown:
\$1,550.00

This Week's Total: \$13,147.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,113.00

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



40 Days For Life (Witness in Support of the End of Abortion) September 22-October 31, 2021 (see details on Page 7)

Baptism Preparation Class Saturday, October 16, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Right to Life Raffle Fundraiser All Masses on October 16-17 and 23-24

Movie Night "Fatima" in the Lower Church Friday, October 22, 2021 7:00 p.m.

All Saints Day (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year) Monday, November 1, 2021 Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

All Souls' Day Candlelight Mass (Details on Page 7) Tuesday, November 2, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Parish Mission: Fr. Wade Menezes of the Fathers of Mercy and of EWTN Television and EWTN Radio December 11-15, 2021

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 2021

Salvatore J. Mirarchi r/o Joe & Carmel Mirarchi

SEPTEMBER 2022

Ralph and Eleanor Siciliano r/o The Boeckman Family

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

There is a Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations that includes Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. This Monthly Holy Hour is from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the Thursday immediately preceding the First Friday.



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